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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum*

Preparations for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005

National activities

1. Indonesia has established a National Committee on the International Year of Microcredit, 2005, which consists of representatives from various departments. This Committee will be responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing activities in four areas: (a) outreach, exhibitions, promotions and a main international event; (b) seminars and workshops; (c) contests and writing; and (d) institutional capacity-building and supporting regulations. The Committee will also undertake activities to provide a forum among relevant stakeholders, increase participation of businesses in the utilization of microcredit and microfinance and facilitate further development of microcredit and microfinance services at the national level.

2. The Committee has planned a number of major activities for 2004 and 2005:

(a) In 2004, there will be an event on 18 November to mark the launch of the Year at the national level; a national microcredit week in December; and an international seminar on the microbanking system from 1 to 3 December;

* The addendum has been issued in order to report responses from Member States that arrived too late to be included in the main report.

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(b) In 2005, key activities will include the launch of the country report on Indonesia's microcredit and the convening of a national policy dialogue on microcredit implementation in Indonesia.